

## BELL COMPANY SUBMITS BASIS

General Manager Murray  
Makes Proposition to Fed-  
eration President.

### LINEMEN'S UNION IGNORED

COMPANY WILL NOT TREAT  
WITH ELECTRICAL WORKERS.

There appears to be hope of a settlement of the linemen's strike so far as it affects the Bell Telephone company. Alex. Fairgrieve, president of the Montana State Federation of Labor, caused to be sent to the Bell company officials a draft of a proposed agreement. In turn, D. S. Murray, general manager, yesterday submitted a reply, the text of which is in the nature of a counter proposition or basis of agreement.

There are numerous differences between the propositions submitted by Mr. Fairgrieve and Mr. Murray. One of the questions raised by Mr. Fairgrieve's paragraph deals with the renewal of previous contracts. It does not appear that this will be brought about. Damage suits growing out of the strike will be dismissed. This is agreed to both by the company and the labor federation. The proposition of President Fairgrieve reads:

**Fairgrieve's Proposed Scale.**  
"Between the Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone company and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and the Montana Federation of Labor."  
"First—Twenty-five cents per day increase for all men employed in Utah, Idaho and Wyoming; 50 cents per day

increase for all men employed in Montana (outside of Butte)."

"Second—Previous contracts to be renewed for one year from the date of settlement. The company, during the life of this contract, not to employ any other than union operators at points where contracts with operators exist."

"Third—Strike-breaking operators now employed at Butte, Helena, Great Falls, Livingston, Billings and Red Lodge to be removed and all union operators employed in Montana previous to the strike to be reinstated in their former positions at once."

"Fourth—Miss Barnes to be removed from the operating department at Butte."  
"Fifth—All damage suit cases now pending or contemplated against any union or any member thereof instituted by the Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone company, or its agents, arising from the acts of any union or any member thereof, to be dismissed at once."

"Sixth—All strike-breaking linemen now employed by the company to be removed and all union linemen employed previous to the strike to be reinstated at once to their former positions."

**The Company's Position.**  
The company yesterday prepared this scale and schedule:

"Basis offered by the Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone company for settlement of its labor difficulties in Montana between the Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone company and the Montana Federation of Labor and its affiliates:

"First—All first-class linemen and cable splicers working by day on exchange work in Montana (outside of Butte) having heretofore been increased 50 cents per day over wages of Jan. 1, 1907, the said increase will continue for the year 1908."

"A point seems to be made as to an increase of 25 cents per day for first-class linemen and cable splicers employed in Utah, Idaho and Wyoming. This is not believed by the company to be pertinent to the Montana agreement proposed, but the company has established an increase of this kind and it will apply during the year 1908."

**Matter of Unions.**

"Second—The company will employ operators who desire to come back who were in its employ at the time of the strike, and will not object to their belonging to the union, nor will the company object to operators now in its employ, on whom hereafter he employed, becoming members of the union if they so elect."

"Third—Foremen and chief operators, as heretofore understood, will not be members of unions, as they are representatives of the company."

"Fourth—The same conditions as to men in its employ prior to the strike will apply as stated in the previous paragraph relative to operators."

"Fifth—Miss Barnes will be removed from the position of chief operator, and the company will employ her in some other capacity in Butte or elsewhere at its option."

**To Dismiss Suits.**

"Sixth—All damage suits now pending or in contemplation against any union or member, instituted by the company or its agents, will be dismissed and such suits may be instituted by members of any union against the company growing out of this strike shall be dismissed."

"Seventh—Applications for re-employment by operators, as contemplated herein, must be made within five days after the execution of this paper, and they will be put at work within fifteen days."

"Eighth—As the business of this company does not require the full number of employees this paper contemplates, of necessity there must be a cutting out within a reasonable length of time, and the force reduced to a proper number. It is suggested that a committee of three be appointed to arbitrate this item. In order to facilitate this matter, I suggest that H. L. Burdick of this company at Helena be appointed as one, Charles Virden of the Merchants' association of Butte as another and that the unions appoint the third."

**Agreement With Federation.**

"Ninth—An agreement will be entered into with the Montana Federation of Labor and its affiliates for the year 1908 to cover the premises herein."

"It has been stated that this company had an object in view to create an open shop in Montana, and the propositions herein, to a certain extent, constitute that apparent condition, but such condition has been forced by the results of the strike which has continued practically throughout the year 1907, and the company is willing to accept conditions as they were at the time the strike occurred, always with the exception that the present employees must be taken care of. It would be well for the committee above proposed to adjudicate this item also in any agreement that we may enter into."

"The Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone company to be declared 'fair' to organized labor."

**Mr. Murray's Views.**

In a letter of transmittal of the propositions made by the company yesterday General Manager Murray wrote:

"It is with much regret that I find that you renew the former untenable

proposition, in demanding that the present employees shall be removed, for this matter, both ourselves and the Business Men's association understood was adjudicated at the conferences between the Business Men's association and the committee of the several unions held at Butte, and heretofore referred to."

**Linemen's Union Ignored.**

Mr. Murray desired to have it distinctly understood that while he was willing and eager to bring about peace, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers may not expect further consideration so far as treating with it as a representative body is concerned."

The linemen's strike began on May 21 and involved four states, Utah, Idaho, Wyoming and Montana."

**PASSED EXAMINATION SUCCESSFULLY.**

James Donahue, New Britain, Conn., writes: "I tried several kidney remedies, and was treated by our best physicians for diabetes, but did not improve until I took Foley's Kidney Cure. After the second bottle I showed improvement, and five bottles cured me completely. I have since passed a rigid examination for life insurance." Foley's Kidney Cure cures backache and all forms of kidney and bladder trouble. F. J. Hill Drug Co. The Never Substitutes.

### IN POLICE CIRCLES.

Clarence Bengie, the barber, who is accused of having stolen \$175 from Mrs. Mary Marks, proprietress of the Tuxedo rooming house, at 44 South State street, was arraigned before Police Judge Diehl yesterday morning. He pleaded not guilty. His examination will take place today."

W. B. Cawthen and W. H. Spencer were arrested by Detective Wheeler yesterday morning on suspicion of having stolen a suit case belonging to T. O. Jones from the Oregon Short Line depot. The suit case disappeared from the waiting room while Jones was buying a ticket. It is alleged that Cawthen and Spencer were seen to leave the depot with a suit case."

Thomas Vance, the alleged wife murderer, will be given a preliminary hearing on the charge of murder in the first degree before Justice of the Peace Dana T. Smith on Monday morning. County Attorney Hanson had a conference with Judge Maginnis of Ogden, attorney for Vance, yesterday, at which the time for the hearing was agreed upon."

Bill Bailey, who is charged with having attempted to shoot James Grady, a bartender at the Albany saloon, was arraigned before Justice of the Peace Smith yesterday. His hearing was set for Thursday."

Two more "healthy beggars," Pat Sullivan and Pat Lively, were given thirty days with the chain gang by Police Judge Diehl yesterday afternoon."

J. M. White was fined \$3 for drunkenness yesterday afternoon by Police Judge Diehl. White went into the Red Onion saloon, a Commercial street resort, on Thursday night, and had a drink for which he refused to pay. The proprietor then called a policeman's attention to the fact that White had been drinking. The man was locked up. White, in the police court, attempted to show that the case was not properly one of drunkenness, but a dispute as to whether the proprietor of the Red Onion had given him a free drink. Judge Diehl, however, would not allow the issue to take that turn and told White that he would have to pay the fine or go to jail. White went to jail."

**COURT NOTES.**  
Harry S. Joseph, of some local fame, yesterday brought suit in the civil branch of the city court against one George Cleveland for \$21.50, alleged to be due on a stock transaction. Of this amount \$2.50 is for commission due Joseph for negotiating a sale."

Judge Whitaker yesterday continued the hearing of Charley Song, the Korean accused of the murder of Chung Chung Bo in Plum alley, until Monday morning."

Edna M. Berry yesterday brought suit for divorce against Marilio Berry, alleging non-support. They were married at Butte, Mont., April 29, 1902."

A complaint charging Frank Sinclair with passing a bogus check for \$110 on E. Mehesy, jr., was issued by the county attorney yesterday."

George Schronen, a truck man at the Oregon Short Line station, yesterday brought suit against the company for \$10,000 damages for injuries to his back received at the station Oct. 5, 1907. The plaintiff asserts that he was run into by a heavy truck."

The Consolidated Flagstaff Mines company yesterday brought suit against Hugo Rettlich to quiet title to the Portland and Lewis group of claims located in the Big Cottonwood and Little Cottonwood districts."

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